

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION TO SUBPOENA INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS FROM A
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATOR

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of children attending the City’s public schools are of particular concern to the members of the Warwick City Council; and

WHEREAS, there were allegations that a teacher at Gorton Junior High School inappropriately touched students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jeffrey Taylor conducted an investigation regarding the allegations of inappropriate behavior that were made against the teacher at Gorton Junior High School and in the course of that investigation compiled documents related to that investigation; and

WHEREAS, obtaining information and documents from Mr. Taylor relative to his investigation would assist the City Council in its investigation to ensure that the School Committee and School Department Administrators are properly addressing issues relative to the safety and welfare of children attending the City’s public schools ; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-14 of the Warwick City Charter states that:

The council shall have power by resolution to inquire into the conduct of any officer, department or agency of the city and to make an investigation relating to city affairs and for such purpose may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the production of books, records, papers and other evidence; and

WHEREAS, Mr Taylor is an administrator in the School Department which is a department of the City and the City Council desires to subpoena Jeffrey Taylor to provide information and compel production of the documents he compiled regarding the allegations of inappropriate behavior that were made against the teacher at Gorton Junior High School and the administrative actions taken after the investigation concluded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby issues the subpoena in the form attached hereto to compel the appearance of Mr. Jeffrey Taylor and compel production of the documents he compiled regarding the allegations of inappropriate behavior that were made against the teacher at Gorton Junior High School and the administrative actions taken after the investigation concluded and authorizes the President of the City Council to sign the subpoena on behalf of the City Council.

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The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Jeffrey Taylor.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN VELLA-WILKINSON

COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL